

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 58, “School Breakfast and Lunch Program; Nutritional Content Standards for Other Foods and Beverages,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment replaces the current chart and explanation concerning how Iowa schools operate their nutrition programs. Proposed new rule 281—58.11(256) replaces the current rule with a statement of alignment with federal Department of Agriculture regulations in this policy area.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment by 4:30 p.m. on or before March 11, 2014. Comments on the proposed amendment should be directed to Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-3399; or e-mail mike.cormack@iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on March 11, 2014, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Education and advise of specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 283A and sections 256.7(29), 256.9(59) and 256.9(60).

The following amendment is proposed.

Rescind rule 281—58.11(256) and adopt the following new rule in lieu thereof:

281—58.11(256) Nutritional content standards. Nutritional content standards shall be aligned with standards established by rule for the National School Lunch Program by the United States Department of Agriculture concerning all foods and beverages sold to students on campus during the school day outside of reimbursable meals.